



August Meeting
Friday, August 21 at 7:30 pm

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
1035 Carol Lane
Lafayette, CA

Meeting Program
Jim Timestera K6JAT
Vice Director Pacific
Division "ARRL Update."

V.E. Testing
6 TO 7 pm, prior to meeting

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PRESIDENTIAL QRM *Your Vote Counts!*



President
Jason Legate W6SN

A Proposed Amendment to our By Laws will be presented for a vote at the August 21 General Membership meeting. Please see Page 2.

If you have not had the chance please check out the new MDARC Yahoo Group and reflector. We already have over 90 subscribers. The MDARC Group will keep you current on the Club and let you express your opinions. John KG6CZX is the Owner and Glen NO6W is the Moderator.

The Carrier Newsletter
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Greetings! I am pleased present to you the first of our beloved club newsletter as newly resurrected.. I trust that you will enjoy this and the many exciting and edifying issues to come.. – N4DLA



Jim Timestra
K6JAT
ARRL PACIFIC DIVISION VICE
DIRECTOR

ARRL UPDATE

Jim Timestra K6JAT our newly appointed ARRL Pacific Division Vice Director will join is at the next General Meeting on August 21. Having just returned from his inaugural Board meeting Jim will proved us with an update on the ARRL. Jim has served as Oakland's RACES Radio Officer for over 14 years and as the Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) of the ARRL's East Bay

Section from January 13, 2008 to June 21, 2009. In 1998, Jim incorporated the Oakland Radio Communication Association (ORCA) and became its first president. Presently, he is the Vice Director of the ARRL's Pacific Division, a member of ORCA's Board of Directors and trustee of the club's callsign: WW6OR. Jim has operated as PJ2/K6JAT and KH6/K6JAT, and from V26DX. Jim practices law at his own firm in Oakland. He holds an Extra Class license.

Proposed Amendment to Bylaws

The following Proposed Amendment to the MDARC Bylaws was approved at the July Board meeting to be presented to the Membership at the August 21 meeting:

ARTICLE II Section 6. Board of Directors to be amended to add a new paragraph 5.

5. Officers and Directors may be removed for cause including but not limited to absence, neglect of duty or misuse of office upon recommendation by a majority of the Board of Directors and a two thirds affirmative vote by the members at the following General Membership Meeting.

This amendment shall not become effective until January 1, 2010. Directors At Large serving two-year terms at the time of adoption shall be exempted for the remainder of their terms.

MDARC Board of Directors

Meeting minutes, July 6, 2009 (7:00 pm Fuddruckers restaurant, 1940 N. Main St., Walnut Creek)

Vice President John Ronan K3ZJJ began the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Other board members present: Secretary Paul Dickey N6JOX, Director and interim Treasurer Trevor Hall WA6JAU, newly appointed co-Treasurers Doug Hinkley KI6VVV and Rebecca Hinkley KI6VVT, Emergency Coordinator Marty Heyman W6MDH. Others present: Field Day Chairman Lauren Styles WA6CIE, Footprint Chairman and Instructor Glen Rickerd NO6W, Food Manager Elizabeth Styles KG6HLV, and guests ARRL Pacific Division Director Bob Vallio W6RGG and Vice-Director Jim Tiemstra K6JAT.

Last month's minutes by the acting secretary were not available.

Interim Treasurer WA6JAU reported a total of \$47,697.31 including \$15,336.22 in checking. New co-Treasurers KI6VVT and KI6VVV were authorized by the Board to receive all material relating to the treasurer function from WA6JAU, and to sign checks and disburse funds in accordance with the by-laws. Others on the Bank signature card will be K3ZJJ and WA6JAU.

Tech Committee Chairman WA6JAU advised that there was no Tech Committee meeting this month because of the holiday. The MDARC trailer has been cleaned up thanks to WA6CIE and KG6HLV and is now parked at the residence of AF6HQ. American Tower has imposed a July 31 deadline for payment of a repair fee; while the Board and Club membership have approved a payment, the amount is under discussion by K3ZJJ.

K3ZJJ reported that the application fee for federal approval of the 501c3 status is \$750. The Board approved payment.

K3ZJJ updated the status of the Club effort to acquire approval for Pacificon 2010, with a leaning toward using the USS Hornet. W6RGG and W6MDH will be checking out hotels that are closest to the Hornet prior to W6RGG making a decision on approval.

K3ZJJ advised the Board of the scheduled speakers for the Club meetings: July 17, William Dale N2RVH "WiFi networks and Ethernet Interface for EMCOR."

Aug. 21, Vice-Director Jim Tiemstra K6JAT "ARRL Update."

Sept. 18, Mike Saculla K6MDS "ATV Forum."

The Board approved a Special Recognition Award for KG6HLV and WA6CIE or their work for the Club on numerous occasions for years, and especially for "rescuing" Field Day for the Club this year, on less than two weeks notice.

The Board approved the sending of a letter of thanks to the Salvation Army with a \$200 check for radio replacement (theirs was damaged in a recent incident).

Regarding Field Day, NO6W announced that he was in discussion with a representative of the College District as to the possibility of having FD in one of their parking lots next year. They will continue to talk.

K3ZJJ noted that the Christmas party was still tentatively scheduled for Oakland, barring further opinions as to a reasonable location.

The Board approved a proposed amendment to the By-laws Article II, Section 6, which would add a new Section 5:

"5. Officers and Directors may be removed for cause, including but not limited to absence, neglect of duty or misuse of office, upon recommendation by a majority of the Board of Directors and a two-thirds affirmative vote by the members at a subsequent general membership meeting.

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K3ZJJ advised that John Schuler, KG6CZX, is the new owner and list manager of the new MDARC Yahoo Group. NO6W is the "moderator." Invitations were sent to 247 MDARC members in good standing; over 60 have joined.

Since some of the Board members will be out of town at the usual time of meeting next month, the Board meeting was re-scheduled for Aug. 10.

In order to timely prepare the budget for next year, the new treasurers were advised to begin with this year's budget, and prepare a draft for next Board meeting. In order to timely proceed with an election of officers for next year, K3ZJJ appointed NO6W, W6MDH, and Jay Caldis KT6Y, upon acceptance, as a nominating committee.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Paul Dickey N6JOX, Secretary*

Field Day 2009!

Our gratitude goes to Lauren Styles WA6CIE and Elizabeth Styles KG6HLV for rescuing Field Day 2009 on less than two weeks notice! We also thank Larry Lecrone WW6USA and Kathy Reed KD6USA for their 80, 40 and 10 Meter operation. We also thank the Salvation Army in Concord for the use their back parking lot and for providing us meals.

It was crucial that Lauren and Elizabeth were able to hastily organize Field Day—we were visited at the Field Day site by Bob Vallio W6RGG Pacific Division Director and Jim Latham AF6AQ East Bay Section Manager — at a time when Bob had serious doubts that he would ever return PACIFICON to MDARC!



**MDARC General Meeting
Minutes, July 17, 2009 (Our Savior's Lutheran
Church, 1032 Carol Lane, Lafayette)**

Vice-President John Ronan K3ZJJ, called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. There were about 50 members and guests present.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed in the *Carrier*. The Treasurer's report was postponed until the new Treasurers completed the transfer of the books.

Membership Chairman Tom Deeble KA6SIP noted that members could help by keeping their addresses and e-mail address updated in the records.

EC Marty Heyman W6MDH announced that the City of Concord was assembling a new Volunteer Emergency Communications Team, and has asked that any hams that want to participate contact Margaret Romiti, Concord PD at 671-3184.

Also, W6MDH advised that Paula Costa, KI6MPD, site coordinator for Pacificon 2010 has made various visits to potential venues to present alternatives to the Board, which is exploring the status of a possible convention.

Tech Committee Chairman Trevor Hall WA6JAU announced Echolink and ILRP was down due to a power supply failure. A new power supply was installed at a cost of \$305.87. He advised that the American Tower contract obligations were still being discussed.

Jim Brunk, N6BHX, confirmed VEs passed 2 Techs, 3 Generals, and 2 Extras.

Also, K3ZJJ announced a new Nominating Committee to recommend officers for next year, consisting of Glen Rickerd NO6W, Marty, and Jay Caldis KT6Y.

K3ZJJ announced a new amendment to the by-laws, and noted that it would be published in the *Carrier* prior to the general meeting by the new *Carrier* editor, Matthew Vurek N4DLA.

K3ZJJ noted that the final part of the 501c3 application had been filed.

NO6W noted that the MDARC reflector was now under the designated ownership of John Schuler KG6CZX, and NO6W was the designated moderator. He encouraged all members to join on the Yahoo group site.

K3ZJJ presented Special Recognition Awards to Field Day Chairman Lauren Styles WA6CIE and Elizabeth Styles KG6HLV not only for their "saving" MDARC

Field Day at the last moment, but also for their tireless work for MDARC over the years in many venues, not the least of which was Pacificon and the current meeting site.

Chuck Graham KI6DCD noted that two classes were scheduled: a Technician class beginning Sept. 2, 7-9pm at the Concord Salvation Army complex and an ongoing Extra class on Thursday evenings 7-9pm, at the same location, taught by NO6W.

K3ZJJ adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm for a break.

After the break, Santa Clara Section Manager Bill Dale, N2RHV, presented a very interesting and informative power point lesson on "WiFi Networks and Ethernet Interface for ECOM." N2RHV has a degree in Physics. He was a flight navigator in the Navy, and currently works in the Defense industry. First licensed in 1993, he is active in ARES/RACES, Boy Scouts, and teaches ham and electronics workshop classes. He may be contacted at n2rhv@arrl.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Dickey N6JOX, Secretary

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PACIFICON 2010



As EMCOM West has decided not to host PACIFICON 2010, Bob Vallio ARRL Pacific Division Director has awarded MDARC Pacificon 2010 to be held October 15, 16 and 17, 2010. The Committee is evaluating venues. Possibilities include Jack London Square, the USS Hornet aircraft carrier and the Marriott San Ramon. The first PACIFICON Committee meeting was held on June 20 at the Concord Salvation Army, thanks to Lauren WA6CIE.

PACIFICON 2010 Committee

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Herbert Cole, AI6AT our new East Bay SEC

Herbert Cole, AI6AT, an MDARC Director, has been appointed the new East Bay Section SEC. Herb has served as the Emergency Coordinator Training, for the Contra Costa County ARES / RACES program. He is a Lead Instructor and Incident Commander for the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District CERT program. He has a B.A. from California State University Bakersfield, an Emergency Management Certificate from Western Washington University, and is completing his Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) credential. He will speak on "Integrating ARES into CERT During Disaster Operations." at the 2009 National Conference on Community Preparedness in Washington D.C. sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the International Association of Emergency Managers. Herb joined Amateur Radio in 2005 to volunteer for Emergency Communications. An Amateur Extra, his interests include QRP (CW and Phone) and AmSat from remote locations. He favors CW and he can be found most nights around 7.114 MHz.

MDARC Board of Directors

Meeting minutes, Aug. 10, 2009 (7:00p. Buttercup Grill, Walnut Creek)

Vice President John Ronan K3ZJJ called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Other Board Members present: Secretary Paul Dickey N6JOX, co-Treasurers Doug KI6VVV and Rebecca KI6VVT Hinckley, EC and Pacificon Committee Chairman Marty Heyman W6MDH (8:05), Dave Gordon N6SWE, Dale McIntire AD6HD. Others present: Pacificon Site Coordinator Paula Costa KI6MPD, Footprint Chairman and Instructor Glen Rickerd NO6W.

Last month's minutes are to be printed in the Carrier.

Co-Treasurers Rebecca and Doug Hinkley will have an updated report by the general meeting after a conference with outgoing interim Treasurer Trevor Hall WA6JAU. Major bills that have been paid are: American Tower, Red Cloud, and the storage fee.

John advised that the new MDARC Yahoo Group has over 90 members now. All MDARC members are invited to join; no charge. Glen is the "moderator."

Glen reported that the footprint recorder and laptop computer were to be placed in an appropriate site, shortly. Glen has now officially been appointed as an OO.

John reported that the application for federal approval of 501c3 status has been filed for approval. A determination should be forthcoming within 90 days.

Pending acquisition of software by Editor Matthew Vurek N4DLA, John will attempt to put together the Carrier this month in consultation with Matthew.

A proposed amendment to the by-laws will be presented to the Club at the general meeting. John updated the speaker agenda:

Aug. 21, Pacific Division Vice-Director Jim Tiemstra K6JAT "ARRL Update."

Sept. 18, Mike Saculla K6MDS "ATV Forum."

Oct. 18, "Now You Have Your License, What Next?" (tentative).

Nov. 20, "QRP operations and construction" (tentative).

Dec. 18, Tentative reservations at the Highlands Country Club for Christmas dinner.

EC Marty noted that the Concord PD was putting together a ham team for emergencies; a safety fair will be held in conjunction with CERT on Sept. 3.

Marty noted that the final recommendation of a site for Pacificon 2010 to the Board was to be determined. Two sites were the Hornet in Alameda, and the Marriott in San Ramon. The Hornet charges begin with \$7500/day, plus \$200/room, plus pipe and drape. Marty will determine the Marriott charges.

At the Feb. 2 meeting, the Board voted to send a letter of censure. John asked Marty and Paul to compose it for review.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Paul Dickey N6JOX, Secretary

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August and September 2009 Events

August 21	7:30 pm	MDARC Monthly Meeting <i>Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Lafayette</i>
September 5	9:00 am	MDARC Technical Committee <i>Environmental Center, Pittsburg</i>
September 7	7:00 pm	MDARC Board Meeting <i>Buttercup Bar & Grill 660 Ygnacio Valley Rd, Walnut Creek</i>
September 18	7:30 pm	MDARC Monthly Meeting <i>Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Lafayette</i>



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